

Hints for the Ladies.



WOMEN'S REALM

How to Wear and How to Make It.

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

The Custom of a Bride Wearing Them Originated in Spain.

The American brides whose love of country is stronger than love of fashion may discard the traditional orange blossoms when they learn that the custom of using them in connection with the bridal robe first originated in Spain. The legend about it is as follows:

An African King presented a Spanish King with a magnificent orange tree, whose creamy, waxy flowers and wonderful fragrance excited the admiration of the whole court. Many begged in vain for a branch of the plant, but a foreign Ambassador was tormented by the desire to introduce so great a curiosity to his native land. He used every possible means, fair or foul, to accomplish his purpose, but all his efforts coming to naught, he gave up in despair. The fair daughter of the court gardener was loved by a young artisan, but lacked the "dot" which the family considered necessary in a bride. One day, chancing to break off a spray of orange blossoms, the gardener thoughtlessly gave it to his daughter. Seeing the coveted prize in the girl's hair, the wily Ambassador offered her a sum sufficient for the desired dowry, provided she gave him the branch and said nothing about it. Her marriage was soon celebrated, and on her way to the altar, in grateful remembrance of the source of all her happiness, she secretly broke off another bit of the lucky tree to adorn her hair. Whether the poor court gardener lost his head in consequence of his daughter's treachery, the legend does not state, but many lands now know the wonder tree, and ever since that wedding day orange blossoms have been considered a fitting adornment for a bride.

A Dry Shampoo.

Many women, who have luxurious tresses, and who take cold easily, are obliged to forego washing them as often as they would like, because of the difficulty of getting them dried quickly. For such, a dry shampoo is the next best thing, and if carefully and thoroughly done, it removes the accumulated dust and dandruff almost as well as washing. The hair should be shaken loosely out over the shoulders, and the head manipulated with the fingers till all foreign matter is well loosened and scattered through the hair, which should then be parted in different places all over the head, and the parts cleaned with a stiff, little brush, after which the entire head and hair should be very thoroughly brushed in sections till the dandruff is brushed out as much as possible, when some good scalp tonic or scalp cleaner may be rubbed on, and the snarls engendered by the whole process gently combed out and the ends clipped. This should always be done once a month, to promote the growth and fine glossy condition of the hair.

About Two Royal Ladies.

It is generally admitted among members of the royal family that the Princess of Wales has the most artistic eye for the arrangement of flowers, and a well-known West End florist has stated that a table or a room decked with blossoms by the princess's hands is as beautiful and effective as one could possibly wish for. The princess arranges all her own flowers in her boudoir and attends with her own hands to her particular favorite ferns. The sound business capacity and marvelous memory for details which serve Queen Victoria so well in her greater office of sovereign do not fail to render her successful also in her lesser one of housekeeper. She is the mistress of palaces, castles and country houses and although the actual daily housekeeping is, of course, done by deputy, the royal head of the establishment remains ever in a very real sense the mistress. She perceives immediately anything amiss, and perceives also the remedy.

A Paradise for Women.

In the matter of woman's rights Abyssinia is far ahead of Europe and America. According to an authority, the house and all its contents belong to her, and if the husband offends her she not only can but does turn him out of doors till he is duly repentant and makes amends by the gift of a cow or the half of a camel—that is to say, half the value of a camel. On the other hand, it is the privilege and duty of the wife to abuse her husband, and she can divorce herself from him at pleasure, whereas the husband must show reasons to justify such an act on his part.

Save the Old Veil.

To renovate a veil that is soiled, make a lather of soap and water, simmer the veil in it for twenty minutes, then squeeze out the soap with the hand and rinse in clear water, to which has been added a few lumps of sugar. Shake out the veil and flap it; do not wring it. Pin it to a clean cloth, and when dry cover it with a handkerchief and iron.

Longest Love Letter.

The longest love letter in existence is one written by a courtier to one of the ladies-in-waiting of Queen Elizabeth. It occupies 400 sheets of crumbed writing, has about 4,000 words in it and the young woman it was addressed to never knew the name of her adorer.

Kind, Thoughtful Woman.

"Laura," said the husband of two months, "I am going to the lodge to-night and I may not be home till late."

"Very well, John, I'll have breakfast ready when you come in," interrupted the wife.

Not So Feeble.

"What a delicate looking child Mrs. Rickrack's third is!"

"Delicate? That's the child that noses the whole family!"

THE USEFUL SCREEN.

HOW HOUSEKEEPERS CAN ECONOMIZE ON SPACE.

They Are Also Useful in Warding Off Dangerous Drafts and Save Many a Cold—Essential in the Dining Room—Of Great Value in the Hall.

So strongly is modern apartment life forcing the necessity for economizing space upon the up-to-date housekeeper that she is obliged to use every method to obtain it. Many business women, who live and sleep in the same room, and perhaps do a little cooking there, too, will find in the screen their greatest ally. It may protect the couch—their bed by night—from too close inspection. The tiny gas stove and the little dining table may be concealed behind its folds, and it may hide the washstand and towels. If the home is more ambitious and there are several rooms, the screen has still its part to play. It may serve the purpose of a door, and yet not prevent the circulation of air through the narrow parlor-like arrangement of rooms. In case of illness it is almost as good as a nurse. It can be set to temper the light, to keep off dangerous drafts, to shut away a bad wall paper pattern from the tired eyes that weary of following large geometrical patterns, and in many other ways be made useful.

If one lives in a large house in the country, where it is not necessary to economize space by sleeping in the parlor and cooking in the dining-room, there is still use for the screen. When one has drawn a chair up by the hearth with a lamp upon the table at one's side, a tall three-panel screen will shut away the shadows and the windy gusts that steal in through the loose case. Elderly ladies and delicate children may be saved many a cold by the screen in the sitting-room. In the dining-room a screen is almost an absolute essential to mask the door leading to the kitchen, or the butler's pantry. The effect of many a beautiful dining-room has been spoiled by this vista of a screen would have concealed. In the hall, too, the screen is a most useful article. It can stand sentinel before the door that leads to the back hall, or that which goes down to the cellar. Indeed, there are very few halls so arranged that a screen is not almost as much a necessity as it may be an ornament.

An Indian Girl as a Model.

Jeanette Mackintosh is the name of a young Indian girl, living in Detroit, Mich., who is employed by some of the best artists as a model for their life classes, and who figures in many



JEANETTE MACKINTOSH.

and paintings, sometimes being the picture herself, and again only an adjunct, but always an attractive feature. In this model's veins flows the proudest blood of two Indian tribes of renown, the Ottawas and the Chippewas, and by the right of lineal descent she would be the last Queen of the Ottawas. She is the daughter of an Indian Chief, who is the great-grandson of Black Hawk. Her father's brother was the first American Indian sent to Rome to be educated, and the first Indian to become an ordained priest of the Catholic Church.

Bed-Room Hints.

In the bed-room the towel horse should always be well filled, and if fine towels are very damp and rumpled they can easily be passed through a mangle (a great desideratum in a house), dried and put back in their place. Sheets may be made to do duty longer than usual, if only a clean top sheet is used, the one that has been on the top previously being put underneath. White quilts look nice and fresh in the country, but I cannot call them artistic, and I infinitely prefer a bedspread of bright colored cretonne or linen with deep rich frills, which do away with all need of a valance.

More Bachelors Than Maids.

No State in the Union has as many maidens as bachelors—not even in Massachusetts, where the figures are 219,255 spinsters and 226,985 bachelors. Massachusetts is the banner state for maidens, the bachelors outnumbering them by only 2-10 of 1 per cent. Next comes Rhode Island, where the excess of bachelors is 2 per cent.

A Glimpse Delusion.

"What is force of habit, ma?"

"Force of habit? Well, it is the way your father keeps on thinking he is not fat, after he has had to have a special porch chair made for him."

A Family Affair.

Young Mother: What in the world makes the baby cry so?

Young Father: I guess he heard me say I managed to get a little sleep last night.

Non-Committal.

Blanche: Did Harry kiss you more than once last night?

Bertha: I really can't say; I never met him on arithmetic.

CUBAN CHIPS.

A Cuban storekeeper will take about half of what he first asks for his goods. The common people are very cruel to their cats and dogs and their children. There are seventy-two varieties of stable fruit, which grow wild on the island.

Children play in the streets and courts perfectly naked until they are eight years old.

The city of Santiago compares very favorably in the matter of life to Alexandria, Va.

The Cuban bread is very like the French, and at every meal half a loaf is put at each plate.

The climate of Cuba will attack a fat, healthy American before it will a thin, weakly one.

Respectable Cuban women do not smoke cigars and cigarettes in public, as is commonly supposed.

The commonest people take at least a sponge bath every day and teach their children to do the same.

DON'T.

Don't pick quarrels before they are ripe.

Don't owe any person a grudge; pay as you go.

Don't trust a tamed wolf and a reconciled enemy too far.

Don't prolong a quarrel; make a fight of it, and then quit.

Don't think that bright men spend all their time reflecting.

Don't forget that man's chief end is the one with the head on.

Don't think because an aching tooth is little that it isn't nervy.

Don't expect to meet a self-made man who is not proud of his job.

Don't think because you think you can sing that other's think so.

Don't acquire a reputation for truthfulness by speaking ill of yourself.

Don't order chicken if you want chicken, but order a crate-egg; it comes cheaper.

Don't blame a dentist for looking down in the mouth—that's what he gets paid for.

GREAT THOUGHTS.

None but cowards lie.—Murphy.

Past all shame, so past all truth.—Shakespeare.

Respect is better procured by exacting than soliciting it.—Greville.

We have all a propensity to grasp forbidden fruit.—Seneca.

Levity of behavior is the bane of all that is good and virtuous.—Seneca.

When lenity and cruelty play for a kingdom, the gentler gamester is the soonest winner.—Shakespeare.

He who reforms himself has done more toward reforming the public than a crowd of noisy, impotent patriots.—Lavater.

Mental pleasures never cloy; unlike those of the body, they are increased by repetition, approved of by reflection, and strengthened by enjoyment.—Colton.

MUSINGS.

Pride cometh in summer, for fall follows.

Peace hath her victories, if you can run fast enough.

The universal excuse is an interchangeable lie.

'Tis better to fight for the right than not to scrap at all.

A little truth and considerable lie makes a diplomatic utterance.

Dame Fortune and Miss Fortune are frequent callers at every home.

To many a man with glasses there's no way of looking at things.

Why shouldn't a waiter get tips? Everything comes to him who waits.

Smile occasionally. You may think hades, but what is the use looking that way?

IRONICAL IFS.

If you would please a man give him what he wants, regardless of what he needs.

If you would discover words not found in the dictionaries read magazine poems.

If a man refuses to see his errors he is playing against himself with loaded dice.

If a man thinks he knows it all it always hurts him when he happens to learn the truth.

If a man has one little vice it hides lots of big virtues from the eyes of his neighbors.

If horses could talk, no doubt their voices would be heard through the land calling for an improved breed of hostlers.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Essay—A paragraph padded with words.

Centurion—A cyclist who makes a century run.

Experience—The comb a man acquires after he loses his hair.

Heirloom—The trousseau that are handed down from father to son.

Adversity—The only scale that gives the correct weight of our friends.

Ultimatum—Something a woman is continually working off on her husband.

Census—An elaborate compilation on which we base our guesses for the next ten years.

CONUNDRUMS SOLVED.

When is a man only a small part of himself? When he's afoot.

When is a man like a nail? When he's in firm.

When is a man like a piece of furniture? When he's a bed.

Why are poultry the most profitable creatures on a farm? For every grain they give a peck.

Which is the queen of the roses? The rose of the watering pot, because she reigns (rains) over all the others.

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Madame is the only one in the world who can tell you the FULL NAME of your future husband, with age and date of marriage, and tells whether the one you love is true or false. There are some persons who believe that there is no truth to be gained from consulting a Medium, but such beliefs are contrary to the truth. It is only from the lack of discrimination that such a conclusion can be reached. It is not every one who places himself or herself as a medium that can stand a test of what he or she claims. And a person of an enquiring mind may ask the reason why. It is simply that these advisers do not take the trouble to study human nature. They do not spend their thoughts for a moment with acquiring the art of phaseology and kindred branches that will have a tendency to make the pathway to the road of the business clear and devoid of all obstacles.

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